SMU shows superiority, down Red Raiders 84-54

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The St. Mary's University Huskies arrived last Friday nite, here at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym, and doubled UNB's output in the second half to win 84-54.

SMU played without the services of Mickey Fox, utilizing Fred Pery, Gary Redding, Otha Johnson, and leaping Lee Thomas in their scoring spree during second half action.

While the Raiders were held to only eight baskets in that half, the Huskies exploded for twenty-

During action in the first twenty minutes of play, UNB played a strong defence, minimizing SMU's field goal performance.

Defensively, St. Mary's was controlling the boards, picking up 14 out of 18 rebounds. Offensively, they picked up 6 out of 14 rebounds. If a team is able to do that, then they are going to be stronger, virtually because they control play of the ball.

SMU's zone defence was tough to beat, with Lee Thomas, standing over 6'3", heading the zone. MacMullin was not hitting in the half, scoring five baskets in twelve tries

The big factor which enabled the SMU squad to take a 36-29 half time lead was that by the twelve minute mark of the half, St. Mary's was in to a bonus situation. They capitalized on this, sinking 14 for 16 shots at the charity stripe. UNB's turnover rate was less than the Huskies in the half, but we were unable to capitalize.

Second half action was dominated by SMU. They as a well-conditioned team, running hard and fast throughout the forty minutes of play. They are ail good tall handlers, and play a very fine positional defence.

MacMullin seemed to slow down considerably, as did Hendersho'. Hendershot is usually a key man

our offence, but he did not perform well at all. He scored only six points, pulled down only two rebounds, and turned the ball over

Dave Seman played a much stronger second half, scoring nine points and grabbing three rebounds, one of which he scored on. Turnovers were unbelievable - we lost possession of the ball 15 times in the second twenty minutes of play.

Our defence fell apart, and Lee Thomas, who was by far, the outstanding player of the game, was driving in underneath the basket to score unassisted.

Fred Perry and Gary Redding were hot from outside. The Huskies shooting percentage jumped from a first half 40 per cent to a second haif 54 per cent. Perry and Redding combined for 22 points in the second half.

Our offence did not seem able to penetrate the SMU barrier and the team as a whole seemed to give up the cause by the ten minute mark. That's when SMU began pressing us, and we committed error after

MacMullin turned the ball over five times during the game, and when our key ball handler starts doing that, then the offence as a whole, suffers. Steve Ruiter who has been utilized more often lately largely because of his height played a fine game picking off five

rebounds and scorin; six points.

Last Saturday, the UNB Red Raiders went to Ricker College and were out-hustled and out-scored, again in the second half, to lose 68-64. The Bulldogs seemed to have been all but overwholmed as Ken Amos and Tom Her dershot scored profusely, picking up 18 and 8 points respectively Butthe Maine squad roared back in the second twenty minute period to dominate the boards and the control of the ball, outscoring us by 18 points to gain the victory

During the first half, UNB was able to hit from outside very well, with Ken Amos seeming to find the range. We were able to penetrate effectively with MacDonald, Hendershot and Ruiter working well inside the key.

· Amos and Hendershot also worked the fast breaks, combining three times. But again, we seemed to be rather ineffective rebounding offensively. Our men were being blocked out and could not get the

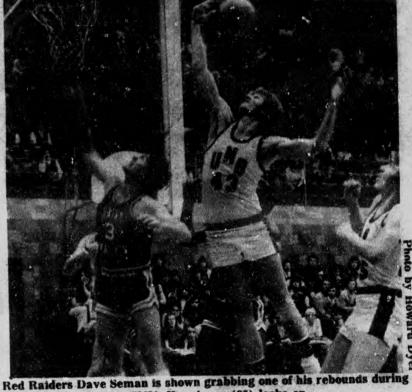
Art Brown, a 5'8" guard for the Bulldogs was the key man throughout scoring fourteen points in each half. Clint Miles was top rebounder, offensively and defensively. The Raiders went back to the dressing room at the half, resting on a comfortable 14 point

When the Raiders returned to second half action, the whole team seemed to collapse. Dave MacMuilin, as mentioned earlier this year, has been the man who brings the ball up court, and sets the offence in motion. However, he was often very slow in moving the ball, and was not watching our wing men as they cut to the basket. He seemed to be dribbling the ball too much, often with his back to the basket, and was thus not able to observe the wing men who were often breaking free. He turned the ball over several times also.

Again, as in the SMU game, we were held to only eight baskets in the half. Our shooting percentage dropped as our inability to pentrate the defence became obvious. Basketball is a fast game, and is demanding on the individual player in order to get a team effort. He has to be able to fake movements, shots and get clear for a pass. We were not doing this!

Ricker certainly deserves credit for their ability to overcome a fourteen point deficit and defeat the Red Raiders.

Tuesday night, the Red Raiders unfortunately lost another close game to the Mt. Allison Hawks in Sackville. The Raiders, up by three points at the half, were outscored



league action against SMU. Ken Amos (25) looks on.

by 7 points in the second half to lose 62-58. To add insult to injury, the Hawks were playing without the services of two starters.

First half action saw mostly outside shooting by both teams, with Ken Amos and Blaine MacDonald combining for 23 points for UNB. Mt. Allisons Stewart and MacLeod picked up 18 points. Throughout the game, we were not playing a good offence whatsoever.

MacDonald was able to penet-rate the Hawk's defence and score from inside. Steve Ruiter came into the game and played with a five rebounding and scoring effort. Dennie Bedard played excellently for Mt. A., picking up many rebounds.

As the teams returned to second half action many things, became obvious - Dave MacMullin was bringing the ball up too slowly, was dribbling too much instead of passing, and was not shooting

enough. The offence was only Blaine MacDonald and Steve Ruiter were able to perform effectively.

Unfortunately, Joe Paytas, who had earlier played only half a minute, was assessed an intentional elbow infraction and was ejected from the game. The team, as a whole, did not seem motivated at all, the defence was slack, and the Hawks would just bring the ball down court and shoot from outside.

Neil Keenan, for Mt. A, would slowly come downcourt and then shoot from an unguarded position at the head of the key.

The last home game of the season is against Mt. Allison next Tuesday, February 19th. This weekend the Raiders travel to St. Marys and Acadia for two of the toughest ball games this season. Let's hope they put out a productive effort.

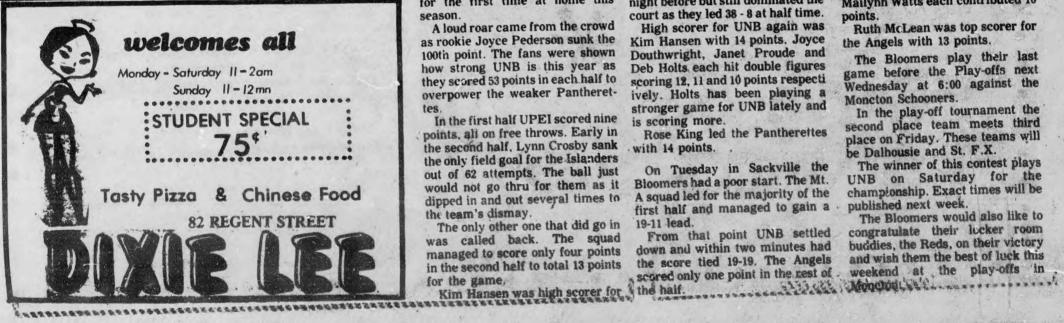
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nineteenth straight victory on Tuesday by defeating the Mt. Allison Angels 65-39 in Mt. A. They also finished on top of their league with an 8-0 record and earned the right to host the AWIAA play-offs on the weekend of Feb. 22-23.

The powerful UNB squad took two games from UPEI last weekend 106-13 and 80-28. On Friday night a large gathering of fans saw the Bloomers break 100 for the first time at home this season

A loud roar came from the crowd as rookie Joyce Pederson sunk the 100th point. The fans were shown how strong UNB is this year as they scored 53 points in each half to overpower the weaker Pantheret-

In the first half UPEI scored nine points, all on free throws. Early in the second half, Lynn Crosby sank the only field goal for the Islanders out of 62 attempts. The ball just would not go thru for them as it dipped in and out several times to the team's dismay.

The only other one that did go in was called back. The squad managed to score only four points

the Bloomers with 20 points. Janet Proude and Joyce Douthwright each scored 17 points while Janet Goggin and Kathy Donovan aided UNB's cause with 16 points each. Lynn Crosby and Janet Trainor were UPEI's top scorers each having five points.

In the second game, which was an exhibition the Islanders fared better scoring 28 points in an 80 - 28 loss to the Bloomers.

UNB did not play as well as the night before but still dominated the court as they led 38 - 8 at half time.

High scorer for UNB again was Kim Hansen with 14 points. Joyce Douthwright, Janet Proude and Deb Holts each hit double figures scoring 12, 11 and 10 points respecti ively. Holts has been playing a stronger game for UNB lately and

is scoring more. Rose King led the Pantherettes with 14 points.

On Tuesday in Sackville the Bloomers had a poor start. The Mt. A squad led for the majority of the first half and managed to gain a 19-11 lead.

From that point UNB settled down and within two minutes had the score tied 19-19. The Angels

Janet Goggin scored a quick six points near the end of the first half to pull UNB up to a 28-20 half time

The Bloomers came out in the second half and played a much stronger game out-scoring Mt. A 37-19 for a final score of 65-39.

UNB employed a stall for the last few minutes of the game and Barb Lanning scored in the dying seconds to end the game perfectly.

Janet Proude scored 13 points to lead UNB and Anne Fenety and Mailynn Watts each contributed 10 points.

Ruth McLean was top scorer for the Angels with 13 points.

The Bloomers play their last game before the Play-offs next Wednesday at 6:00 against the Moncton Schooners.

In the play-off tournament the second place team meets third place on Friday. These teams will be Dalhousie and St. F.X.

The winner of this contest plays

UNB on Saturday for the championship. Exact times will be published next week

The Bloomers would also like to congratulate their locker room buddies, the Reds, on their victory and wish them the best of luck this FEBRUAR

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